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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 13-20 were pending in the instant application. Claims 1 and 13-15 and 20 have been rejected. Claims 16-19 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has acknowledged claims 16-19 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case, but without conceding in any way to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 13-15 and 20, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 13-15 and 20, without prejudice, thus mooting all rejections to these claims.

In addition, Applicants have amended claims 16-19 to be independent and to include all the limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims from which they originally depended. Applicants have added new claims 21 through 37 which depend from claims 16, 17 and 19 and are clearly supported by these claims.

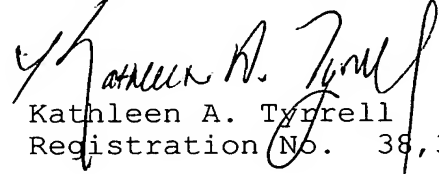
No new matter is added by these amendments.

It is believed that this amendment overcomes the objection and places all pending claims in condition for allowance.

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Further, Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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